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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Notice M2013-21

October 25, 2013

Last Day to Submit Written Comments for the NPDES Hearing Records: December 20, 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Division of Water Resources, Mining Section, will hold separate public hearings for the listed permit applicants pursuant to *Rule 1200-04-05-.06* of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The hearings will be held at the date, time, and place that follow.

**Tuesday, December 10, 2013
Starting at 6:00 p.m. EST
Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Knoxville Environmental Field Office
Large Conference Room
3711 Middlebrook Pike
Knoxville, Tennessee**

The Division will hold a preliminary meeting with the public to discuss and review the applications, plans, and permitting of these facilities starting at 2:00 p.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. The formal public hearings will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Public comments will be received concerning the NPDES permit renewal applications for these surface coal mines.

Company Information

Mr. James Hood, President
Hood Coal Corporation
P. O. Box 1727
Jamestown, TN 36556

Site Information

Hoodtown Surface Mine
NPDES Permit TN0079545
SMCRA Permit 3139
Fentress County

Company Information

Mr. James Thacker
Kopper Glo Fuel Inc.
P. O. Box 203
Clairfield, TN 37715

Site Information

Tackett Creek Surface Mine 1
NPDES Permit TN0079430
SMCRA Permit 3220
Campbell and Claiborne Counties

Applicable to the NPDES Permitting Process

The hearings were set by the Division in response to interest and concerns within the local community. The purpose of the hearings is to gather information from the public relevant to final decisions on the permit applications. All comments submitted, verbally or in writing, will be considered.

Public comments should be related to water quality or to the information contained in the permit applications. Issues such as zoning, blasting, noise, dust, and traffic are not water-quality related and are not regulated by the Division or the NPDES program. Therefore, consideration of these issues would not contribute relevant information to the decision-making process for the NPDES permit applications.

The hearing officer may limit oral presentations to five minutes and require that all testimony be relevant to water quality-related issues for the proposed facilities. Undue repetition in oral presentations should be avoided so that all interested parties will have an opportunity to present their concerns relative to water quality issues. Written testimony will be accepted at the hearings and until **December 20, 2013**.

Interested persons may obtain additional information and a copy of the NPDES permit applications, draft permits, and supporting documentation from the NPDES files maintained at the Mining Section's office at the letterhead address. There is a nominal fee for copying. The NPDES files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours by contacting Kara.Blevins@tn.gov or call (865) 594-5460 to schedule an appointment. The following link will allow online viewing of the draft NPDES permits through DWR's Permits Data Viewer: http://tn.gov/environment/water/water-quality_dataviewer.shtml.

Individuals with disabilities who wish to participate in these proceedings should contact the Department's ADA Coordinator, Human Resources Division, William R. Snodgrass TN Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, TN 37243-1102 or telephone 1-866-253-5827. Such contact may be in person, by writing, telephone, or other means and should be made no later than **December 5, 2013**, to allow time to provide such aid or services. Hearing impaired callers may use the Tennessee Relay Service, 1-800-848-0298.